

A SMALL COLLECTION OF REPTILES AND BATRACHIANS  
FROM EASTERN MONGOLIA.

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Through the generosity of Messrs. J. Edward and George Farnum, and of Dr. A. Donaldson Smith, the Academy has received a small collection of Reptiles and Batrachians collected by them on an expedition through eastern Mongolia, undertaken in May-July, 1897.

Although none of the species represented are new to science, a list of them will prove of value as adding to our knowledge of their geographic distribution.

BATRACHIA.

*Rana dybowskii* Gunth.

Three specimens taken east of the Kiu-ghan mountains. Boulenger regards this Asiatic form as identical with the *R. temporaria* of Europe. It is probable, however, that it represents at least a geographic race.

*Rana chinensis* Osbeck.

One specimen from Kiu-ghan mountains, and two from Lama-mio.

This frog is clearly distinct from *R. esculenta*. Boulenger regarded it as a subspecies in his *Catalogue of the Batrachia Salientia* and named it *japonica*. *R. marmorata* of Hallowell has clear priority over this name and, according to Boulenger (*Tailless Batrachia of Europe*), *R. chinensis* Osbeck is based upon the same animal and is prior to either.

*Bufo japonicus* Schleg.

Two specimens from the Tore river.

I follow the British Museum Catalogue in regarding the Asiatic and Japanese animals as identical. Should they prove recognizable races, the above name will apply to the island form.

*Bufo raddei* Strauch.

One specimen from a lake near Lama-mio and seven others from various localities in eastern Mongolia.

One other example from Tore river is almost unicolor above, and the pores of the dorsal warts are swollen up into minute pustules. These peculiarities are probably due to the very strong formalin solution in which this specimen was preserved.

*Hyla chinensis immaculata* Boetger.

Three specimens of Tree Toads from near Tore river are referred to this form, though lack of material for comparison makes a satisfactory identification difficult. One individual is practically immaculate, the others have indistinct dusky spots on the sides and obscure bands on the legs, and mottlings on the backs of the tibiae and tarsi.

#### REPTILIA.

*Eremias argus* Peters.

Four specimens from the Kiu-ghan mountains.

*Amphiesma tigrinum* Boie.

One specimen from Peking, and one from northern Pechili.

*Coluber dione* Pall.

One adult and one very young specimen from northern Pechili. The latter is marked with great distinctness.

*Halys blomhoffii* (Boie).

One specimen from northern Pechili, and another from Mongolia east of the Kiu-ghan mountains. The latter has eight upper labials on one side and seven on the other.